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LOK SABHA

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BAN ON IMPORT OF USED TYRES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Companies/Agencies importing used tyre in the country;

(b) whether the Government had received representations to ban import of used tyres;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Used Tyres are being imported by a large number of small traders dispersed across the country. The Government does not maintain the name of the companies / agencies which are engaged in the import of used tyres.

(b)&(c) The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) has submitted several representations to the Government. ATMA has interalia suggested that a complete ban should be placed on import of used tyres, import of used tyres should be shredded before release by Customs and import of used tyres should be restricted through one or two designated ports, etc.

(d) Considering the balance of interests of consumers and manufacturers, it has been considered appropriate to regulate import of used tyres through a floor-price mechanism. Further this item is restricted for imports and is allowed only under licence. DOR has been sensitized to enhance vigil on alleged violation of floor-price restrictions.